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will be carried out in such a way as to redound to its dignity and to ensure the contentment of the people of this Presidency. I will conclude by tendering to you, Mr. President, and to the hon. Members of the Council, my most fervent good wishes for the work of this session and my earnest hope that it may not be long before I shall have the privilege of opening a Council which will be the first in this Presidency under provincial self-government."

The address over, His Excellency left the Council Chamber.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" As it is now 11-20, we shall go on with Questions and Answers till 12-20."

III.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Depressed Classes

* 222 *Q.*—[Cancelled.]

Grant for education to depressed class Christians.

* 223 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one-third of the Labour grant for education has been assigned to depressed class Christians; and

(*b*) how the proportion of one-third was arrived at?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Emigration

Withholding of the passport to Mr. Gubil Sundaresan.

* 224 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the passport to Mr. Gubil Sundaresan, Journalist, Trichinopoly, to proceed to England was withheld by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, what were the reasons?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) His passport was cancelled for political reasons, which no longer hold good. A fresh passport has now been issued to him.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know what were the political reasons for which his passport was cancelled? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" The passport has since been given, and I do not think it is necessary to go into personal matters."